(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to make Wastelands development, programme successful in the country, indicating budgetory allocations/ provisions, State-wise, as against the last year and reasons for the slow progress made during 1995-96 in this regard; and

(d) the funds/assistance received from other internal/external agencies for development of Wasteland in the country during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Impact of Chlor Alkaline Plant

4524. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a hazardous Chlor Alkaline plant, which was shut down due to opposition from the environmentalists in Norway, has been shifted to India and is being set up in Vapi, Gujarat;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the plant will be using that most hazardous chemicals and will be manufacturing toxic pesticides; and

(c) if so, the reasons for permitting import of such plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The Environmental Impact Assessment Notifications, 1994 requires 29 categories of developmental projects, including chloralkali plants, to obtain an environmental clearance from the Central Government. So far no proposal for such a project has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Centrally aided Environment Projects in Maharashtra and Gujarat

4525. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the Centrally aided projects launched to save environment and forests in Maharashtra and Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the achievement made in this regard;

(c) the financial assistance provided in each scheme in each district of Gujarat and Maharashtra; and

(d) the details of the scheme proposed to be launched in the near future in Gujarat and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH : (a) to (c) The details of Centrally aided Projects launched, to save environment and forests alongwith achievements both financial and physical during the last three years in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat are given in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix 173. Annexure No. 92) etc.

(d) The projects are continuing in nature.

टैक्साल वृक्षों की सुरक्षा

4526. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 13 सितम्बर 1994 के दैनिक "हिन्दुस्तान" में उद्योग वनस्पति" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें यह कहा गया है कि टैक्साल नामक वृक्ष की छाल और पत्तियों